



# Could Pope Francis's New Holy Doors Initiative Signal an Approaching Spiritual Shift?

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From the Masonic film "Ghost" ([Ghost, 1990](#)) to the recent Masonic [reopening of Notre Dame Cathedral](#) in France—along with Pope Francis's opening of the five holy doors with Freemasons present ([Vatican News, 2024](#); [Uncensored Media, 2025](#))—we see something happening before our eyes: a new jubilee is indeed beginning. As [Ezekiel 33:1-3](#) warns, *"The word of the LORD came to me: 'Son of man, speak to your people and say to them: When I bring the sword against a land, and the people of the land choose one of their men and make him their watchman, and he sees the sword coming against the land and blows the trumpet to warn the people.'"* As 2024 (the Year of the Dragon) transitions into 2025 (the Year of the Snake), this close cooperation between Catholics and Freemasons comes as no surprise, given their longstanding brotherhood ([EWTN, 2024](#)).

As one watches the film "Ghost" we can see this apocalyptic scene filled with Masonic symbolism, including the recurring number 333 (a significant number in Masonic teachings), the seven-stepped stairway to heaven, and the spiritual transformation ritual. The scene contains words like:

*Shut the doors! Shut the doors! Don't go out there! There's something in the mess—that took John Lee. Forget that I'm getting to my car. Wait—it's okay, it's just a pollution cloud. The mill over on Rum Street... some kind of chemical explosion. It has to be. It's... death. Oh, my darling, I long for your touch, without be alone.*

After the Notre Dame Cathedral fire, which allegedly occurred due to Masonic rituals in its underground chambers, the reconstruction included placing a golden phoenix at its highest point. Critics suggest this symbolizes the death of traditional religion and the emergence of a new spiritual movement rising from the ashes, particularly given the incorporation of various Masonic elements in its redesign. The presence of Masonic elements in the redesign and the attendance of numerous world leaders at the reopening ceremony has prompted an interpretation that it indeed served as a large-scale occult ritual (see [more](#)).

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Back to our theme: This unprecedented event has sparked significant discussion within the global church community. According to Greek Reporter ([2024](#)), Pope Francis had to open five holy doors at the Vatican starting on Christmas Eve—marking the first time in history that such a ritual has been performed on this scale. Pope Francis has called these portals "doorways to salvation," which is troubling. He's positioning it as a symbolic gesture of mercy, but while God is indeed merciful, we don't need symbols. As believers, we must ask critical questions: What are these portals truly? What is the significance of their timing? Could this act actually be opening demonic portals under the guise of religious ceremony?

In his address, Pope Francis stated, "These portals represent the mercy of God reaching out to humanity, offering forgiveness and a chance for reconciliation" ([Vatican News, 2024](#)). However, it is essential to remember that Jesus proclaimed, *"I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved"* ([John 10:9](#)). No physical portal can grant salvation; only through Christ can one access the Father.

The Pope extended this practice by inaugurating a symbolic door at Rome's Rebibbia Prison, describing it as a message of hope to those who feel distant from God's grace ([Catholic News Agency, 2024](#)). While this gesture may appear compassionate, akin to prison ministry, we must critically assess its spiritual implications. Scripture does not provide a precedent for rituals involving Holy Doors as means of obtaining grace or forgiveness. Jesus Himself emphasized that He is the sole gateway to salvation, stating, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"* ([John 14:6](#)).

Salvation is attained through faith in Christ alone, not through ceremonial acts or the opening of physical doors. As the Apostle Paul wrote, *"For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—not from works, so that no one can boast"* ([Ephesians 2:8-9](#)). Therefore, while symbolic gestures may serve as reminders, they hold no power to confer the salvation that is found exclusively in Jesus Christ. The Bible does reference spiritual portals, both divine and demonic. In [Genesis 28:12](#), Jacob's vision of a ladder connecting heaven and earth, with angels ascending and descending, was a divine portal where God's presence was evident. However, not all portals are divine—some are demonic. [Revelation 9:1-3](#) warns of a demonic portal opened by a fallen angel that unleashes plagues and destruction upon the earth. Could the Pope's ritual align with this sort of demonic activity? Of course this might raise criticism, but we must examine these questions. What he's doing isn't in the Bible. Could this unleash a demonic flood? We must consider this—and the timing of this event: Christmas Eve, a time historically linked to pagan winter solstice celebrations and the worship of the sun god, which was later adapted and labeled as Christ's birth ([See article about this](#)) These rituals are not ordained by Scripture nor aligned with it. I believe they could open a door for counterfeit spiritual activity, where people might see false Christs in the spirit, leading them to a false salvation. I'm deeply concerned. [2 Corinthians 11:14](#) reminds us that Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. We must ask ourselves: Couldn't this represent an attempt by the enemy to pervert the holy and open a gateway to spiritual darkness? There's only one name by which we must be saved, only one door—Jesus. Not a door in a prison, not a symbolic gesture.

Rituals carry spiritual weight, including those with demonic influence. While God ordained specific rituals in the Old Testament, Christ fulfilled these practices. For example, [Exodus 20:24](#) describes building an altar to the Lord for blessing and remembrance—a practice that foreshadowed Christ's ultimate sacrifice. Since Jesus fulfilled these requirements, we no longer need physical altars or rituals. However, rituals performed outside God's will, particularly those without scriptural foundation, risk invoking demonic forces. As for Pope Francis's claim that these portals will usher in God's mercy—no portal is needed. God's mercy has always been present, and Jesus demonstrated the ultimate mercy through His sacrificial death. He who was sinless became sin for us, so we might become God's righteousness in Christ Jesus. This is the truth of Scripture—not a prison portal, not a door, not a ceremony. Our focus should be on preaching the gospel in prisons.

I'm concerned these portals may open a gateway of confusion, leading people into false security about salvation. [2 Thessalonians 2:9-10](#) warns about deceptive signs and wonders, while [Revelation 9:1-2](#) speaks of spiritual portals being opened in the end times to usher in demonic attacks led by Apollyon, an angel of hell. In Greek mythology, Apollyon is known as the son of Zeus—a connection that points to spiritual deception ushering in the Antichrist. This aligns with Alice Bailey's writings, which claim that 2025 is marked on the globalist agenda as a time when evil spirits will manifest in physical form, supposedly bringing spiritual revival. What kind of twisted revival is this? Are we not witnessing this already? These spiritual gateways could allow demonic forces to enter our realm. Indeed, [1 Peter 5:8](#) warns us to stay vigilant against the enemy. These portals risk enabling demonic principalities—spirits of deception, confusion, and Jezebel—to gain influence. As [Ephesians 6:12](#) reminds us, our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against spiritual forces of evil.

The concept of a holy portal in prison is particularly concerning when we consider that many are already imprisoned spiritually by sin and deception. While physical prisons confine the body, spiritual bondage entraps the soul. Satan, who knows the times and seasons well, recognizes this vulnerable moment to introduce deceptive practices. Installing ritualistic doors in places of confinement seems to mirror the very chains that Jesus came to break. True liberation - both spiritual and physical - comes only through Christ, who declared *"I am the door"* and *"the truth shall set you free."* As darkness approaches and the rapture draws near, we must be like the wise virgins who kept their lamps filled with oil - spiritually prepared and discerning. People in prison, like all of us who were once captive to sin, need genuine salvation through Jesus Christ, not symbolic portals that may further obscure the true path to freedom. Though the Pope's intentions may appear merciful, we must examine the fruits of these actions, as [Matthew 7:15-16](#) instructs us to recognize false prophets by their fruits.

Why would the Catholic Church suddenly introduce a new ritual of "holy doors" in prisons at this particular moment in history, when such a practice has never been part of traditional Catholic doctrine? As spiritual darkness intensifies, we must pray for wisdom and discernment to recognize these signs. Could this unprecedented addition to Catholic practices, marked as the beginning of a Jubilee year, be a sign of something more significant unfolding in these end times? We must remain vigilant and prepared, keeping our spiritual oil ready as we await Christ's return.

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